

## Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mrs. Ann Ollestad as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Norway to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Yangon.

Mrs. Ann Ollestad was born in 1952, in Oslo, the Kingdom of Norway. She got a Master in Political Science, University of Oslo in 1983 then she worked as a Freelance journalist in the daily newspaper. She joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as an executive officer in 1987. Since then, she served in various capacities at different departments of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Diplomatic Missions of the Kingdom of Norway. Mrs. Ann Ollestad served as a Special Adviser at Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research in 2006. In 2007, she was assigned as an Ambassador of Norway to the Republic of India. She is currently serving as a special adviser, Department for Regional Affairs and Development. She is married.

Mrs. Ann Ollestad will be the first Norwegian resident Ambassador to Myanmar.—MNA

## Collaborative support needed for development of Rakhine State, rather than words of praise



Rakhine nationals warmly welcome Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—“We all really need to support ethnic Rakhine, rather than speaking words of praise, as those who have been living in the area which is politically and geographically regarded as significant are putting more efforts than other national races in the difficult tasks of protection of sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Union and preservation of culture, tradition and custom”, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U

Shwe Mann said in meeting with Rakhine families for the development of Rakhine State at International Business Centre-IBC in Yangon this morning.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairmen of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw committees, the Yangon Region ministers, representatives of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission and social organizations,

patrons and representatives from 17 townships in Rakhine State, Rakhine associations and guests.

In his greetings, the Speaker said he was very pleased to see not only ethnic Rakhine but also other national races at the meeting. He added he was proud to meet families of Union brethren and to have an opportunity of taking part in the discussions as a family member.

He continued all citizens, especially national races, are responsible for

national defence. National races living in hilly regions and plains are in perpetuation of sovereignty. He recognized the role of ethnic Rakhine who are safeguarding land and maritime boundaries and Union territory.

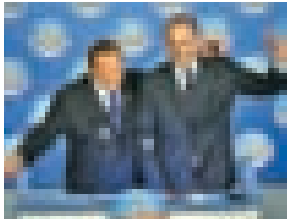
He stressed the need to pay respect to the efforts of national races who are taking care of national sovereignty, territorial integrity, culture, traditions and customs and religion to ensure the perpetual existence of

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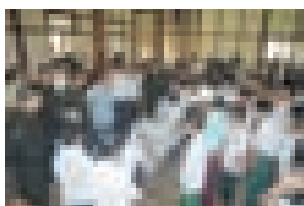


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## Improved road transportation brings fruits of development to Chin State

The Union Government and Chin State government have been making efforts for improvement and smooth road transportation in Chin State, maintaining and upgrading roads in the state which is hilly and densely covered with forests.

The roads which have been upgraded to all-weather facilities are Gangaw-Haka Road which is 70 miles and 4 furlongs long, Mindat-Matupi Road which is 102

miles long, Haka-Matupi Road which is 172 miles and 7 furlongs long and Kalay-Falam Road which is 115 miles and 1 furlong long.

Some sections of the Mandalay-Haka Road passing through Sagaing, Monywa and Gangaw, the Kalay-Haka Road and the Pakokku-Pauk-Tapyin-Kyaukhtu-Mindat Road have also been upgraded.

The 340-foot-in-length Var Bridge on the Kalay-Haka Road was commissioned into service in 1998; the 480-foot-in-length Ka-

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ptal Bridge on the Tiddim-Kaptal-Reed Lake Road in 2002 and the 460-foot-in-length Mansaung Bridge on the Tiddim-Reed Lake Road in 2005. The upgraded and newly constructed infrastructures have put the Chin State on the road to development.

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Photo shows Mansaung Bridge on Tiddim-Reed Lake Road in Chin State.

Charity

Cash assistance, relief supplies provided to flood victims



NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin on 26 September afternoon comforted the flood victims at Paytaw Monastery's relief camp in Taungnyo

Village-tract of Ottarathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

The Union minister presented K 100,000, eight items of relief supplies, rice for three days and construction materials, and water purified drinking tablets worth K 150,000 for the flood victims through officials.

Likewise, the Union Minister comforted flood victims from Khayangaing and Hsinseik villages at the relief camp of Phaungdaw- chetma Monastery in Lewe.

The Union Minister also provided clothes, pu- rified drinking water tablets and rice for three days worth K 1.3 million for the victims through officials.

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**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS**

**“The Future We Want-What Older Persons Are Saying.”**

Nay Pyi Taw 1-10-2013

National Sports

Township Administrator Cup football tourney kicks off

AN, 29 Sept—The Township Administrator's Cup Inter-Ward/Village Football Tournament kicked off at the sports grounds in Market Ward of An Township, Kyaukpadaung District, Rakhine State on 25 September afternoon.

On the occasion, Township Administrator

U Kan Saw Hlaing made a speech, urging them to compete in the tournament with sporting spirits and abide by the prescribed disciplines.

Altogether 11 football teams from the township are taking part in the tournament up to 2 October.

Kyemon-Than Maung (An)

Fire prevention demonstrated

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—A fire drill on preventive measures was held at the Dhammayon of Tatkon Myoma Market, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 27 September.



Head of Nay Pyi Taw Fire Services Department Deputy Director U Aung

Myint gave lectures on preventive measures against outbreak of fire, Assistant Director U Lwin Maung Maung of Township Development Affairs Department and Chairman of the Market Board of Trustees U Sein Moe on security measures against fire.

Members of Township Fire Services Department led by the head of the Township FSD and members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade demonstrated the use of the light fire engines and fire trucks and use of fire extinguishers.

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Waterway Transport

Visitors flock to Bagan



PAKOKKU, 29 Sept—A large number of pilgrims visit Bagan, which is the city of culture in Mandalay Region from the waxing days to fullmoon day of Tawthalin.

“The majority of the visitors arrive at the Poda Bodaw Aung Min Khaung in Bagan before paying homage to four tooth rel-

ics pagodas there,” said a

About 100 motorboats dock at the jetty of Bu Pagoda to ferry pilgrims to Tantkyi Pagoda on Tantkyi Hill of Pakokku Township across Ayeyawady River.

The ferry fare is from K 15000 to K 20000-25000.

The pilgrims may take light truck to the Tantkyi Hill at K 20000. Transport of pilgrims is charged K 15000 by jeep, K 17000 by van, K 23000 by Castom and K 8000 by motorcycle. Most of the motorboat operators come from Bagan.

Fare of transport by motorboat is K 1000 per passenger. The visitors increase on the days of Bodaw festival, Thingyan festival and Thadingyut holidays. The motorboat operators take ferry licence auction annually.

Kyemon-Nay Oo Maung (Pakokku)

Culture

Buddhist Culture Instructor Course kicks off in NyaungU

NYAUNGU, 29 Sept—Organized by NyaungU District Women's Affairs Organization, the Buddhist Culture Instructor Course was opened at the hall of Basic Education High School in NyaungU on 26 September.

At first, Chairperson of the District WAO Daw Soe Soe Ei and U Hla Thein Htut (Pitakat expert) made opening speeches.

Instructors U Hla Thein Htut, U Hla Myo, Daw Htay Htay Mu, Daw Thet Thet Oo and Daw Myat Thanda from Dhamma Yaungchi Dhamma Dana Group of Yangon gave lectures to the trainees.

The instructor course will be provided to all basic

education school teachers in the district.

The course is aimed at broadening the horizon of the students to have high spirit to

protect the lineage, religion and Sasana and to know basic knowledge and culture of Buddhism.—Kyemon-Ye Thura Aung (NyaungU)

Accident

Two vehicles head on collision in Bago

BAGO, 29 Sept—A 22-wheeled vehicle and a Hilux bumped against each other in Bago of Bago Region on 26 September due to slip in the rains.

A 22-wheeled truck driven by Bo Bo Kyaw, 26 heading for Yangon from Mandalay collided head-on with a Hilux driven by U Myo Myint, 48, from Yangon to Mandalay at mile post 48/5 on Yangon-Mandalay

Highway near Maha Myaing Traffic Light on Mya Thanda Street.

Bago Myoma Police Station No 3 opened files of lawsuit against both drivers for reckless driving under the law.—Kyemon-Min Sit Thu

*A motor car seen with damages after clashing with another one.*



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## WORLD

## Berlusconi party ministers' announcement of resignation throws Italy into political crisis

ROME, 29 Sept— Italian Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Angelino Alfano said on Saturday that the ministers from former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's centre-right People of Freedom (PdL) party were to "resign" from the government, paving the way for a political crisis in the recession-plagued country.

Alfano said all five ministers in the PdL party, including himself, were resigning. The announcement came after Berlusconi called Prime Minister Enrico Letta's request for a parliamentary confidence vote in his left-right coalition next week "unacceptable."

The three-time prime minister and media tycoon

blamed the government for putting on ice the postponement of a hike in the value added tax (VAT) scheduled to take effect on Tuesday. Causing VAT to increase was a "grave violation of the pacts that this government is founded on," Berlusconi said.

Upholding Berlusconi's tax fraud conviction in August, the first guilty verdict to be confirmed on appeal in two decades of fighting legal cases underlined the breakdown between PdL and Letta's centre-left Democratic Party (PD). The two traditional rivals were forced together by February's deadlocked election. The fragile coalition has been in peril since center-right law-

makers threatened to resign en masse if the Senate on 4 October votes to eject their leader from the upper house, based on a 2012 anti-corruption law.

Letta is now expected to go before parliament next week to seek support to continue in office. "A clarification must take place in parliament in the light of the sun and in front of citizens," he was quoted as saying by ANSA news agency. Local analysts noted that if the prime minister, who has a majority in the lower house, manages to secure the support of a few dozen senators among the PdL rebels or opposition parties including the anti-establishment Five-Star Movement (M5S), he

could form a new coalition.

Otherwise Italian President Giorgio Napolitano, who has repeatedly warned against new elections while the country is still mired in recession, would have to either call new voting or try to oversee the formation of a new government.

Letta highlighted in a statement late on Saturday that the freeze of postponement of VAT hike "was agreed upon by PdL and PD." He added that Berlusconi's move was an attempt to "turn the tables in his favor" over "facts that are under the eyes of everybody," namely "his personal affairs."

Like many observers, the editor of daily newspaper Il Fatto Quotidiano,



File photo taken on 25 Jan, 2013 shows Italy's former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi (L) and People of Freedom Party (PDL) secretary Angelino Alfano delivering a speech during a campaign rally to present the list of the PDL candidates for the general elections in Rome. —XINHUA

Antonio Padellaro, defined the announcement of resignation as an "unprecedented fact in Europe." "A group of ministers who sworn in front of the Italian

president acted like waiters, executing the orders of their master, a man who does not want to obey the law," he told Rai state television. —Xinhua

## Austrian coalition faces far-right challenge in vote



People on Segways pass an election poster of Austrian Chancellor and head of the Social Democratic Party (SPOe) Werner Faymann in Vienna on 28 Sept, 2013. —REUTERS

VIENNA, 29 Sept—A resurgent right-wing party keen to end taxpayer-funded bailouts of euro zone laggards takes on Austria's political establishment in parliamentary elections on Sunday.

The ruling Social Democrats (SPO) and their People's Party (OVP) conservative partners are counting on their record in piloting the Alpine republic through the global financial crisis relatively unscathed to win another five-year term.

Opinion polls show the two pro-Europe parties that have dominated post-war politics seem set to scrape to a combined majority, with the anti-immigrant and eurosceptic Freedom Party (FPO) hard on their heels.

But the two mainstream parties may need to find a third partner to govern should two small blocs clear the 4 percent hurdle for entering parliament.

The environmentalist

Greens, an opposition party that has sided with the coalition on European issues such as creating the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) bailout fund, is the most likely option should the big two need a partner to govern.

Polls close at 1500 GMT, when initial projections are set to appear. Preliminary official results are due around 1730 GMT, but in a very close election the outcome may not be clear until domestic absentee ballots are counted by Monday.

Chancellor Werner Faymann's SPO has led the pack from the start, campaigning on a platform of defending jobs and pensions and redistributing wealth via a new tax on millionaires.

The more free-market OVP, led by Foreign Minister Michael Spindelegger, has called for liberating business of red tape to

promote economic growth and help shore up public finances hit by aid to bailed-out banks.

Heinz-Christian Strache's FPO is set to improve on the 17.5 percent it got in the 2008 elections. It may even overtake the OVP despite competition from car-parts magnate Frank Stronach's new party, also eurosceptic but without the anti-foreigner tone.

Faymann has said he wants to form a new coalition with the OVP should he win, while Spindelegger has declined to say the same, leaving the door open for a centre-right coalition.

Reuters

## Bombs kill 33 in northwestern Pakistan city of Peshawar

PESHAWAR, 29 Sept—Twin blasts in the northwestern Pakistan city of Peshawar killed 33 people and wounded 70 on Sunday, a week after two bombings at a church in the frontier city killed scores, police and hospital authorities said.

Islamist violence has been on the rise in Pakistan in recent months, undermining Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's efforts to tame the insurgency by launching peace talks with the Taliban. The blasts hit outside a police station in an area crowded with shops and families. Police said it appeared at least one of the explosions had been a car bomb. There was no im-

mediate claim of responsibility. A crowd gathered outside the Lady Reading Hospital in Peshawar, where many of the victims had been taken. Distraught relatives frantically tried to dial mobile phone numbers of those caught up in the blasts but were unable to get through. Women sobbed as ambulances pulled up with more bodies.

"Who is burning Peshawar?" screamed one woman in a long headscarf.

Shopowner Sher Gul said he had made repeated trips on his motorbike to bring six people to hospital. Gul cursed a provincial government minister who

came to visit the victims. "Why have you come so late?" Gul shouted.

The blasts follow an attack by a Taliban faction on Peshawar's Anglican church last Sunday that killed more than 80 people, the deadliest attack on Christians in predominantly Muslim Pakistan.

The Taliban have repeatedly rejected Pakistan's constitution.

Sharif is due to meet Indian counterpart Manmohan Singh on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly later on Sunday, only hours after Singh described Pakistan as the "epicenter of terrorism in our region". —Reuters

## US House votes to fund gov't through 15 December, delay Obamacare

WASHINGTON, 29 Sept—US House of Representatives voted in the



US House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) (C) departs after a closed-door meeting of the House Republican caucus during a rare Saturday session at the US Capitol in Washington, on 28 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

early hours of Sunday to pass a short-term government funding bill proposed

by Republican leaders to fund the federal government's operations through 15 December and delay the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), commonly known as Obamacare, for one year.

The bill passed by the lower chamber of Congress contained a one-year delay in the implementation of Obamacare, a repeal of the medical device tax in the ACA to fund Obamacare and a measure ensuring service members to get paid in the event of a government shutdown.

The bill increased the prospect of a partial federal government shutdown on Tuesday, as US President

Barack Obama and Senate Democrats have vowed to reject any bill delaying or defunding Obama's signature healthcare law passed in 2010.

The 2.3 percent medical device tax, which took effect in January, is levied on manufacturers and importers for sales of medical devices in the nation to fund the implementation of Obamacare.

After the House vote, the road to avoid the first government shutdown since 1996 has become tougher. The Senate is not scheduled to be in session until Monday, the last day for negotiations.

Xinhua

## Commercial cargo ship reaches International Space Station

HOUSTON, 29 Sept— An unmanned US commercial cargo ship flew itself to the International Space Station on Sunday, completing the primary goal of its debut test flight before supply runs begin in December.

After a series of successful steering maneuvers,

the Orbital Sciences Cygnus freighter parked about 39 feet from the station at 6:50 a.m. EDT/1050 GMT as the ships sailed 260 miles above the Southern Ocean south of Africa.

Ten minutes later, Italian astronaut Luca Parmitano and NASA's Karen

Nyberg used the station's robotic arm to pluck the capsule from orbit and prepared to attach it to a berthing slip.

"That's a long time coming, looks great," radioed astronaut Catherine Coleman from NASA's Mission Control in Houston.

Cygnus' arrival had been delayed a week - first by a software glitch and then by the higher priority docking of a Russian Soyuz capsule ferrying three new crewmembers to the \$100 billion outpost, a project of 15 nations.

Orbital Sciences' new unmanned Antares rocket blasted off on September 18 from a new launch pad

on the Virginia coast to put Cygnus into orbit.

NASA contributed \$288 million toward Antares' and Cygnus' development and awarded Orbital Sciences a \$1.9 billion contract for eight station resupply missions, the first of which is targeted for December.

The U.S. space agency also provided \$396 million to privately owned Space Exploration Technologies to help develop the Falcon 9 rocket and Dragon cargo ship. The firm, known as SpaceX, holds a \$1.5 billion NASA contract for 12 cargo runs to the station, two of which already have been completed.

Reuters



The International Space Station is seen from the space shuttle Discovery as the two spacecraft begin their relative separation March 25, 2009. — REUTERS

## Dr Dre's Beats Electronics gets new funding, buys back HTC stake

NEW YORK, 29 Sept— Beats Electronics LLC, founded by US rapper Dr Dre and music producer Jimmy Iovine, said private equity firm Carlyle Group LP has agreed to make a minority investment in the audio technology company. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed. However, a person familiar with the matter, who was not authorized to publicly discuss financial details

of the deal, said Carlyle would invest \$500 million in Beats Electronics, valuing it at over \$1 billion.

Equity for the investment will come from affiliates of Carlyle Partners V, Carlyle's \$13.7 billion US buyout fund. Beats Electronics also said it agreed to buy back the minority stake held by Taiwanese smartphone maker HTC Corp in the company.

HTC bought a 50.1



percent stake in the company in 2011, but sold half of it a year later.

Founded in 2008, Beats Electronics sells

branded headphones, earphones and speakers, as well as Beats Audio software technology.

Reuters

## Samsung addresses EU concerns in antitrust probe

NEW YORK, 29 Sept — Samsung Electronics Co on Friday offered remedies that may settle a European Union probe over whether it breached antitrust rules through its use of patent lawsuits against rival Apple Inc.

"Samsung has agreed to propose commitments that will be market tested," EU Competition Commissioner Joaquin Almunia said in a speech in New York on Friday. "We hope to conclude this case."

The details of the offer were not disclosed, and Samsung could not immediately be reached for comment.

South Korean-based Samsung attempted to settle with the European Commission earlier but the antitrust regulator had said it

wanted more concessions.

Samsung and Apple, the world's top two smartphone makers by volume and sales, are locked in patent disputes in at least 10 countries as they vie for control of the lucrative and fast-growing mobile market.

Samsung dropped injunction requests against Apple in Europe after the

Commission filed charges against it last year.

The Commission also charged Google's Motorola Mobility with a similar anti-competitive offense in May.

The Samsung case may help bring clarity to technology patents known as standard-essential patents, or SEPs, across the industry.—Reuters



Women stand in front of an ad during the launch of the Samsung Galaxy Note 3 and Galaxy Gear in Jakarta, on 26 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

## East China cities debut 4G phones

HANGZHOU, 29 Sept — Three cities in east China's Zhejiang Province started selling the country's first fourth-generation (4G) mobile phones on Saturday.

Four smartphone models produced by Samsung, Sony, ZTE and Coolpad are now available for purchase in Hangzhou, Ningbo and Wenzhou, according to the local 4G network operator

technology, and users can switch between 3G and 4G networks freely, he told Xinhua.

China's largest mobile operator, China Mobile employs TD-LTE technology, or Time Division Long Term Evolution, one of two international standards, for its 4G network. Its maximum Internet speed is up to 10 times faster than 3G.



China Mobile.

The three cities launched the 4G network either for trial commercial use or consumer experience earlier this year in a project to promote a new age of high-speed mobile Internet in China.

Users of the four smartphones can access China Mobile's 4G service, though the telecom operator has yet to obtain formal license from the authority, said a spokesman with the Zhejiang branch of China Mobile.

The four 4G smartphones are all equipped with modules that support the home-grown TD-LTE

4G user should be able to download a 10-megabyte piece of software in two seconds, and a two-gigabyte HD movie in just several minutes.

China Mobile has been working on a trial 4G networks in several Chinese provinces, including Zhejiang, since 2011. Zhejiang currently has nearly 30,000 4G early users and over 5,000 4G base stations.

Miao Wei, minister of industry of information technology, said previously that the formal license on 4G network operation was expected to be issued before the end of 2013.

Xinhua

## Facebook to show users less unwanted ads in newsfeed

SAN FRANCISCO, 29 Sept — Facebook newsfeeds will contain fewer ads for products or services that users are not interested in, Facebook Inc said on Friday, announcing changes in advertising policy. It was the Web company's latest effort to refine the newsfeed ads that have become more important to its business. "When deciding which ad to show to which groups of people, we are placing more emphasis on feedback we receive from people about ads, including how often people report or hide an ad," Facebook said.

"If someone always hides ads for electronics, we

will reduce the number of those types of ads that we show to them," the company said. Facebook has been trying to make ads more prominent without triggering a backlash among its 1.15 billion users.

The world's No.1 online social network, which generates roughly 85 percent of its revenue from advertising, now injects one paid ad into every 20 "stories" users see in their newsfeeds, the company said in July.

While big brands such as Toyota and AT&T advertise on Facebook, the company also makes money from marketers of weight-loss and teeth-whitening products. Analysts say some users may not welcome these less-glamorous pitches in their newsfeed.

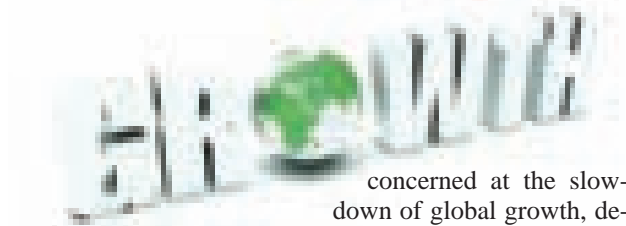
Forrester Research

analyst Nate Elliott said Facebook needs to take steps to keep the latter category of ads in the less intrusive, right-hand side of the Web page, while reserving the space within users' newsfeed for higher-quality ads.

"If Facebook allows unappealing advertising to invade that space then they're in trouble. That harms the user experience, and reduces the value of that inventory for high-quality marketers," Elliott said. Facebook said some marketers "may see some variation in the distribution of their ads" in coming weeks. The company did not elaborate. Shares of Facebook finished Friday's regular trading session up 1.7 percent at \$51.24, the highest closing level since the company went public in May 2012.—Reuters

## BUSINESS &amp; HEALTH

## Small developing countries “very much concerned” at slowdown in global growth



UNITED NATIONS, 29 Sept—Mauritius on Saturday said that small developing countries are “very much concerned” at the slowdown of global economic growth, saying that in the current inter-dependent world, “not a single nation is immune from external shocks.”

Navinchandra Ramgoolam, the Prime Minister of Mauritius, made the statement in his speech at the ongoing annual high-level debate of the UN General Assembly, which entered its fifth day here Saturday.

“Small developing countries are very much

concerned at the slowdown of global growth, decline in international trade, decreasing job opportunities and rising inequality,” he said.

“Small states are particularly susceptible to external shocks as they are heavily dependent on foreign markets for trade, tourism and investments,” he said. “They are also concerned about energy and food prices, which are subject to high volatility.”

“My government believes that the post-2015 development agenda should include a Roadmap for an interconnected world economic system, premised on the assumption that the global economy could

very well be as weak as its weakest links,” he said.

The 193-member General Assembly has asked all the UN member states to set the stage for the post-2015 development agenda, which will be hammered out next year to define the global development in 2015 and beyond.

“The prospects for growth of the global economy remain uncertain, largely as a result of multiple challenges faced by developed countries,” he said. “In such an interconnected and interdependent world as ours, not a single nation is immune from external shocks.”

“Of course, the specificities of some countries or regions and the pace at which transformative shifts are implemented may not always be appropriate for universal targets,” he said.

Xinhua

## Africa’s real GDP to grow by 4.8 pct in 2013

ADDIS ABABA, 29 Sept—Africa’s real GDP is expected to grow by 4.8 percent in 2013 and 5.3 percent in 2014, according to the African Economic Outlook (AEO) launched on Thursday. The AEO expects Central Africa to grow by 5.7 percent in 2013 and 5.4 percent in 2014, East Africa to grow by 5.2 percent and 5.6 percent, North Africa by 3.9 percent and 4.3 percent, southern Africa by 4.1 percent and 4.6 percent and West Africa by 6.7 percent and 7.4 percent. The AEO has 10 African countries in its fastest, including Libya, Chad, Sierra Leone, Cote d’Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Mozambique, Angola, Zambia, and Rwanda.

According to the outlook, Swaziland, Equatorial Guinea, Egypt, Sudan, South Africa, Comoros, Madagascar, Algeria, Lesotho and the Seychelles are the slowest growing African countries in 2013 and 2014. The AEO listed as the drivers of Africa growth as domestic consumer demand, macroeconomic policies and management, as well as the development of mining, agriculture, services and construction.—Xinhua

## Drug ‘Molly’ is taking a party toll in the United States

NEW YORK, 29 Sept—Artist and therapy student Anna and her friends marked a birthday in New York recently with a familiar ritual: They pumped up the electronic music, danced, and celebrated with a special guest called Molly.

“It was a group of about 12 people at someone’s house and we were all just celebrating,” Anna recalled. “Somebody had it and, and you know, it was a pretty electronic music kind of crowd.”

Molly, an illegal stimulant frequently sold in pill form, has become prominent in the electronic music scene over the past decade, said Anna, 26, who did not want to give her full name because she is in school and “counseling people to be healthy.”

Molly is the street name for a drug that is pushed as the pure powder form of a banned substance known as MDMA, the main chemical in ecstasy. In the last five years, Molly has made its way into popular culture, helped by references to it made by entertainers such as Madonna, Miley Cyrus and Kanye West.

The drug’s dangers became more clear after a rash of overdoses and four deaths this summer, includ-



Ecstasy pills, which contain MDMA as their main chemical, are pictured in this undated handout photo courtesy of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

REUTERS

ing two at a huge annual electronic music festival in New York City.

The parties of the late 1980s and early ‘90s saw the heyday of ecstasy, but its popularity began to wane a decade ago after a number of deaths and hospitalizations.

That’s when Molly made her way onto the scene.

Over the last few years, drugs sold under that name have “flooded” the market, said Rusty Payne, a spokesman with the Drug Enforcement Administration.

In some states, there has been a 100-fold in-

crease — the combined number of arrests, seizures, emergency room mentions and overdoses — between 2009 and 2012, according to DEA figures.

The drug is accessible and marketed to recreational drug users who believe it to be less dangerous than its predecessor, which was often cut with other substances, from Ritalin to LSD.

Like ecstasy, Molly is said to give a lengthy, euphoric high with slight hallucinogenic properties.

In reality, however, the promised pure MDMA experience “doesn’t exist,” said Payne.—Reuters

## JPMorgan nears multibillion-dollar mortgage settlement

CHICAGO, 29 Sept—JP Morgan Chase & Co (JPM.N) could reach a multibillion-dollar deal as early as Tuesday, putting an end to the bank’s woes from mortgage securities related investigations, the *New York Post* reported on Saturday.

The bank and government officials met earlier this week to try to negotiate a settlement in the \$11 billion range to resolve many of the probes into how it sold mortgage bonds before the financial crisis, a source familiar with the matter told *Reuters*.

Negotiations have involved the possibility of JP Morgan paying up to \$7 billion in cash and \$4 billion in consumer relief — a large sum, but representing little more than half the bank’s 2012 profit of \$21 billion.

JP Morgan CEO Jamie Dimon met with US Attorney General Eric Holder on Thursday. While it is un-



JP Morgan CEO Jamie Dimon (C) leaves the US Justice Department after meeting with Attorney General Eric Holder, in Washington on 26 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

sual for a company CEO to meet with the head of the US Justice Department, the bank is seeking to tamp down its legal difficulties.

The settlement, if it goes ahead, would likely include claims from the regulator of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which has sought some \$6 billion

from the bank over risky mortgage securities sold to the government-sponsored entities, according to two people familiar with the matter, *Reuters* reported.

JPMorgan was saddled with about 70 percent of the debt in nonperforming home loans during the financial crisis.—Reuters

## EU watchdog wants to charge foreign clearing houses

LONDON, 29 Sept—The European Union’s markets watchdog wants to charge foreign clearing houses seeking to cash in on new derivatives rules being introduced across the 28-country bloc, an EU document showed on Saturday.

The move is a sign of how hard-pressed regulators are struggling to implement on time a welter of reforms called for by world leaders during the financial crisis.

One set of new rules being phased in aims to make derivatives like credit default swaps and interest rate swaps safer after taxpayers were forced to bail out banks in 2008 that held large amounts of them.

But the Paris-based European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), has asked the European Parliament in a letter seen by *Reuters* if it could levy an undisclosed

fee on clearing houses, also known as central counterparties or CCPs, from outside the EU.

Clearers ensure that derivatives and other financial transactions are completed, even if one side of a deal goes bust, and are core to making the opaque \$630 trillion swaps market more transparent and safer.

Regulators are forcing banks and others to channel swaps transactions through clearing houses, raising the prospect of a big new revenue stream.

ESMA Chairman Steven Maijor said in the letter dated 24 September that the watchdog will have to vet each foreign clearing house that wants to operate in the EU.

But this task will be “much more burdensome than originally expected” and with “significant budget implications”, the letter said.

Reuters

Steven Maijor, chairman of the European Securities and Markets Authority attends a financial markets regulation conference organised by the parliamentary faction of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and Christian Social Union (CSU) in Berlin, on 29 June, 2011.

REUTERS



## Iraq Kurd opposition party consolidates position in regional vote



*Iraq's Kurdistan President Masoud Barzani shows his ink-stained finger at a polling station in Arbil, capital of the autonomous Kurdistan region, about 350 km (217 miles) north of Baghdad on 21 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS*

ARBIL, (Iraq) 29 Sept — Iraqi Kurdistan's main opposition party has come in second in the autonomous region's parliamentary election, according to preliminary results on Saturday that left the shape of the government still unclear a week after the vote.

The Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) share power in the previous cabinet with a combined 59 out of 111 parliamentary seats, having

fought out their rivalries in a civil war during the 1990s. But from its genesis ahead of the last election in 2009, the Gorran (Change) party has rapidly built a following among those disenchanted with corruption and the lack of transparency, particularly around revenues from the region's oil.

"They (the results) show that Gorran was not a fad," said a source in the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) on condition of anonymity. "It

clearly strikes a chord with a significant chunk of the population, so it won't be easy for the PUK and KDP to ignore them."

With 95 percent of the votes from the 21 September election counted, the KDP had 719,004 votes, Gorran had 446,095 and the PUK was in third place with 323,827. Two parties placed fourth and fifth, with nearly 300,000 votes between them, followed by more than a dozen smaller groups.

In the last election in 2009, the PUK and KDP ran on a joint ticket.

It was not yet clear how many seats would be allocated to each party. With 100 seats up for grabs and an extra 11 set aside for minorities, weeks of wrangling to form a government were expected.

The KDP is keen to maintain its alliance with the PUK. President Masoud Barzani is leader of the KDP, and his nephew Prime Minister Nechirvan Barzani also belongs to the party.—Reuters

## Kenya says 'at war' with al Shabaab, faces security questions

NAIROBI, 29 Sept — Kenya is "at war" with militants who attacked a Nairobi shopping mall, the government said on Saturday as it faced questions about whether it had received advance intelligence warnings of the deadly strike.

A week after the raid on the Westgate shopping centre that killed 67 civilians and police and was claimed by the Somali militant group al Shabaab, the government has been trying to reassure Kenyans that it

can protect them from further attacks.

Three Kenyan newspapers reported on Saturday that a year ago the country's National Intelligence Service (NIS) had warned of the presence of suspected al Shabaab militants in Nairobi and that they were planning to carry out "suicide attacks" on the Westgate mall and on a church in the city.

In front-page stories, *the Nation*, *Standard* and *Star* newspapers questioned whether the Kenyan

government and military may have failed to act on this and more recent warnings this year by local and foreign intelligence services. "It is not a 'yes' or 'no' answer," Mutea Iringo, principal secretary in the Ministry of Interior, told *Reuters*.

"Every day, we get intelligence and action is taken as per that intelligence and many attacks averted. But the fact that you get the intelligence does not mean something cannot happen," the senior official added. "What we are saying is that we are at war, and that every day some young Kenyan is being radicalised by al Shabaab to kill Kenyans," Iringo said, calling on citizens across the east African nation to be alert and cooperate with authorities.

The newspaper reports emerged ahead of a meeting on Monday of the Kenyan parliament's defence and foreign relations committee which is expected to ask security chiefs how much warning they had of Saturday's assault.—Reuters

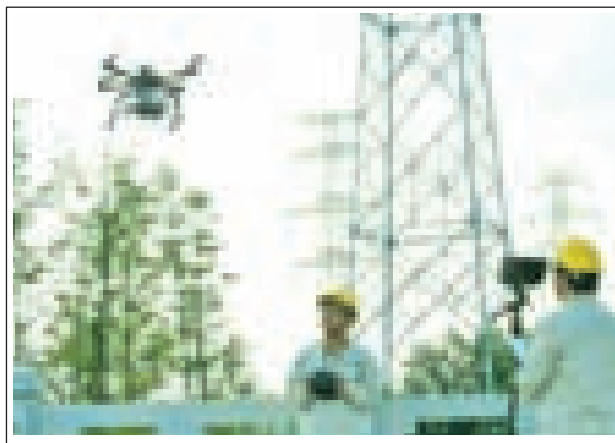


*A boy carries a flower during a memorial service in front of the Westgate shopping mall in Nairobi, Kenya in honour of the victims of last Saturday's attack by gunmen, on 28 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS*

## US renews travel caution after mall attack in Kenya

NAIROBI, 29 Sept — The US government has renewed its travel alert against trips to Kenya, warning Americans of the risks after the recent terror attack that killed 67 people in the East African country. "The levels of risk vary throughout the country. Terrorist acts can include suicide operations, bombings, kidnappings, attacks on civil aviation, and attacks on maritime vessels in or near Kenyan ports," the State Department said in a statement received here on Saturday.

A group of gunmen of Somalia-based Al-Shabaab stormed the Westgate shopping mall in Nairobi a week ago, causing the heaviest casualties since the US Embassy in Kenya was attacked in 1998. Kenyan officials have appealed to the international community not to issue travel advisories against their country, but to work with the government to ensure the return of normalcy.—Xinhua



*Employees of Chongqing Electric Power Company control a multi-rotor aircraft during a line patrol mission for the coming National Day holidays in Chongqing, southwest China's municipality, on 28 Sept, 2013. The company added specially modified multi-rotor aircrafts to line patrol work recently, in a bid to carry out full range inspection and improve efficiency.—XINHUA*

## Middle East should be free from weapons of mass destruction

UNITED NATIONS, 29 Sept — Egyptian Foreign Minister Nabil Fahmy here on Saturday that the Middle East region should be free of weapons of mass destruction during the General Debate of UN General Assembly. Fahmy said that "a new Middle East will not come about without ensuring the right of equal security", adding that the region should be free from threats posed by the existence of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction.

The minister called on the countries of the region, if haven't signed or ratified any of the international

conventions on weapons of mass destruction, to commit, before the end of this year, to simultaneously sign and ratify the relevant conventions.

Fahmy said that the initiative called on Israel to accede to the Non-Proliferation Treaty as a non-nuclear state, to ratify the Chemical Weapons convention as well as to sign and ratify the Biological Weapons Convention.

"The Palestinian question remains the main source of tension in our region," Fahmy said, welcoming the ongoing negotiations on the settlement of the Palestinian question.

"Egypt will continue to support the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, and the establishment of an independent and sovereign state, with East Jerusalem as its capital, on all the territories of the West Bank and Gaza, and in accordance with Arab peace initiative and relevant peace terms," he noted. On Egypt's own situation, Fahmy said that "all Egyptians are invited to participate in all phases of the political process, as long as they are committed to the renunciation of violence and terrorism, and of acts of incitement to them." *Xinhua*

## TEPCO pres keen to restart 2 more nuclear reactors in Niigata

TOKYO, 29 Sept — Tokyo Electric Power Co President Naomi Hirose expressed a desire on Saturday to make preparations for restarting two more nuclear reactors at a power plant it operates in Niigata Prefecture.

A day after TEPCO filed for state safety assessments for the idled Nos 6 and 7 reactors at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa plant, Hirose said in an interview with *Kyodo News* that he would also like to start the process toward restarting the Nos 1 and 5 reactors as well.

"The case (of the Nos 6 and 7 units) will set the example," Hirose said, adding, "The general rule is to abide by the agreement we made with the local community regarding safety."

All of Japan's 50 commercial reactors are currently offline and have to be checked by the Nuclear Regulation Authority to determine whether they satisfy a set of new safety requirements before they can be restarted.

Hirose also said TEPCO can now expect to swing back to a pretax profit for the current financial year through March 2014, even without a further electricity rate hike.

TEPCO, which is struggling due to heavy costs stemming from the 2011 Fukushima nuclear crisis, has set a target to become profitable this year because that is a condition for continuing to receive bank loans.

Despite uncertainty over when the Nos 6 and 7 reactors will be restarted, Hirose said the goal of posting a pretax profit this year "can be achieved" by implementing more cost-cutting measures and recording certain facility maintenance expenses in fiscal 2014 or later.

Based on an estimate the utility presented in August to its lenders, it would be necessary to raise electricity rates again if no reactors were restarted within fiscal 2013.

*Kyodo News*

LOCAL NEWS

## Hsipaw to offer rice to monks in Maha Muni Pagoda Pujaniya

HSIPAW, 29 Sept—Rice offering ceremony will be held alongside 118<sup>th</sup> anniversary Pagoda Pujaniya of ancient Maha Muni Buddha Image in Hsipaw in northern Shan State scheduled to be held soon.

Organizers sought advice from venerable monks for holding the rice offering ceremony at the pagoda on 25 September.

Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Chairman Bhaddanta Milinda and other Sayadaws delivered Ovadas.

Patron of Organizing Committee Township Administrator U Myo Tint Zaw supplicated on religious affairs.

Secretary of the Organizing Committee U Aung Than Oo briefed on the budget and work plan.



Each subcommittee reported on progress of their works.

A total of 1617 members of the Sangha and novices were offered meal at the ceremony and the amount

of donation reached more than K 80 million.

The donations by lot will be made to 1597 members of the Sangha in monasteries in Hsipaw this year.—MMAL-Sai (Hsipaw)

## Irrigation

### Nat Taga Creek Crossing Bridge contributes to swift transport in Kalay

KALAY, 29 Sept—Nat Taga Creek Crossing Bridge on Kalay-Yazagyo road is playing a key role in transportation of Kalay in Sagaing Region.

The government spent K 177.65 million on the construction of the bridge, and Kalay Township Development Affairs Committee funded

additional K 41 million.

The people in northwestern part of Kalay region often had to face difficulties of road transportation as most of the bridges in the region were subject to erosion by creeks and river in the area.

The over 180-ft bridge is of RC type and could well withstand the erosion.

The building of the bridge was requested at the region Hluttaw.

It has the length of 197 ft and the width of 16 ft.

The bridge which spans over Nat Daga creek benefited 23747 people living in 10 villages in northwestern part of Kalay region.

MMAL-Shin Nay Min

### Thai immigration authorities transfer 15 migrant workers to Myanmar

TACHILEK, 29 Sept—Myanmar Anti-Human Trafficking Squad members accepted 15 Myanmar workers—14 male workers and one female workers—from Thai immigration authorities at Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge No (1) on 25 September.

They were seized in

Tachilek by a combined team on their way to Thailand without any valid official documents and were not trafficked.

Thai authorities have already transferred 6550 Myanmar workers from 19 November 2010 and 25 September 2013.

MMAL-Myinmo (Tachilek)

## Disaster Risk Reduction

### Dredging Montaing creek prevents flood



MEIKTILA, 29 Sept—Five villages were often flooded each year in monsoon after heavy rains.

They are now free from flood as the Montaing creek in Meiktila has been

Township WVO Patron U Than Ngwe delivered an address at the ceremony and Chairman U Tin Nyunt presented stipends of K 20000 each to seven high school students, K 15000 each to 15 middle school students and K 10000 each to primary school students.

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dredged.

“If with heavy rain, Shinmyo, Ywama, Khakot and Thedaw villages often suffered from flood. Despite heavy rain this year, they witnessed no flood. That is why Montaing creek was dredged,” a Shinmyo villager said.

With the support of the region government, Irrigation Department and

private companies dredged the creek.

Kyarin creek, Shinmyo creek, Natsin creek and Galon creek have also been dredged.

It could prevent villages from flood and reduced amount of sand brought into Meiktila lake as 30 barriers to catch the alluvium were also built.

MMAL

### Disaster Risk Reduction Day marked with essay, painting contests

PATHEIN, 29 Sept—The essay and painting contests will be held in commemoration of International Disaster Risk Reduction Day in Pathein Basic Education High School No (1) of Ayeyawady Region on 26 September.

Deputy Township Education Officer U Ngwe

Soe, the headmaster of Basic Education High School No (1) and Ayeyawady Region Relief and Resettlement Department officials attended the event. A total of 54 students participated in the contests.

MMAL-Pathein District IPRD



An upper part of an ancient pagoda in Yele village in Shwegu in Bhamo District in Kachin State fell into Ayeyawady River as the rising water level caused erosion on 15 September.—MMAL-LABAN AUNG (KACHIN MYAY)

### Educative talks given in Nyaungshwe Tsp

NYAUNGSHWE, 29 Sept—Educative talks on safety of tourists, crime rate reduction, anti-human trafficking efforts and AIDS were given at General Administration Department office in Nyaungshwe Township on 26 September.

At first, Township Administrator U Kyaw Zaw Hla delivered an address.

Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Kyee Myint gave talks on crime rate reduction, Township Education Officer Dr

Khin Su Su Han on AIDS prevention, Police Inspector Myint Win of State Anti-Human Trafficking Squad on human trafficking, and Tourist Police Squad Police Captain Myint Swe Oo on safety of tourists.

MMAL-Township IPRD

### Egg and milk offered to students in Labutta

LABUTTA, 29 Sept—Egg and milk were offered to students of Basic Education High School in Labutta Myothit in Labutta District in Ayeyawady Region for

fitness of the students on 25 September afternoon.

Chairperson of District Women’s Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare

Supervisory Committee Daw May Thet Khaing and members provided the nutrition to some 300 students.

MMAL-District IPRD

### Thanatpin Township WVO grants stipends

THANATPIN, 29 Sept—War Veterans Organization in Thatnapin Township

in eastern Bago Region granted stipends to offspring of members of Township

WVO in a ceremony held at Thatnapin Township WVO office on 25 September.



Chairman of Township WVO U Tin Nyunt presents prizes to outstanding students of WVO members.

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 30 September, 2013

The most valuable heritage

The whole world today is facing climate change because of the unhealthy natural environment acting as host for super storms, heat waves, cold waves, melting ice, floods, and droughts all destructive to mankind. Many global countries including Myanmar are conserving flora and fauna as measures for curing the natural environment.

We need a healthy natural environment for the continued existence of all living things and

non-living things on this planet. So, the protection and conservation of nature is a must for every one of us.

One of the possible ways to save the Earth's biodiversity is through establishing forest reserves which can also help balance the climate. In this context, we in Myanmar are setting up more tree plantations and forest reserves apart from protecting and conserving the existing forests.

In fact, throughout the eras, we have been looking after the nature, especially through greening projects all over the country. On the other hand, the country's growing population needs more food, and more food means more croplands. The rapid expansion of sown acreage has adverse effects on the nature and trees in one way or another. But the more sinister cause is the indiscrim-

inate felling of trees by locals for their livelihood in some cases, and by greedy businesspersons in other cases.

The fragility of nature was more visible in the arid regions where annual rain fall is less than 40 inches. But thanks to the State-sponsored greening projects, and fuel wood substitute projects trees are thriving again in the regions lying in the central part of the country. In addition, the State is accelerating the conservation and regeneration of mangrove forests that were decreasing at the hands of some businesspersons.

Today, we are launching the nation-wide greening task through accelerated tree plantation works as a healthy natural environment is the most valuable heritage for the future generations.

NATIONAL



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann poses for documentary photo with those present at the meeting with families of development of Rakhine State.—MNA

Collaborative support ...

(from page 1)  
the map of today's Myanmar. Collaborative support is needed rather than words of praise.

The third draft of the bill to protect the rights of national races was submitted to Region/State Advocate-General Office including Attorney-General Office of the Union and coordination is in progress. Today-meeting will carry on with the bill. A joint committee to review the Constitution chaired by the deputy Pyidaungsu

Hluttaw speaker is carrying out the task for the constitutional amendment. The law to promote the rights and interest of farmers will emerge soon. The law will be of great benefit to farmers.

In accord with the motto of "People's voice is Hluttaw voice; People's desire is Hluttaw desire; People's hope is to be realized by Hluttaw, the implementation of the public interest meets with success to a certain extent," but mission is

still not accomplished.

He said listening to the voices of people during his tours of Shan States (South) and (North) and (East) and Taninthayi Region is beneficial for him. He acknowledged those working abroad who love their own country and want to take part in nation-building endeavours.

He made a vow that the Hluttaw, on its part, will take care of the tasks to develop Rakhine State and coordinate with the government for the development of Rakhine State.

Next, U Zaw Aye Maung, Yangon Region minister for Rakhine na-

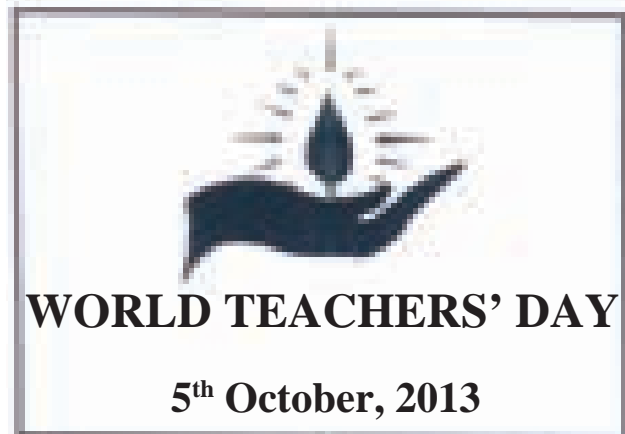
tional race, U Bo Min Pyu, advocate, U Tha Pwint (Sit-tway), legal expert, U Thein Shwe, Rakhine representative, U Hla Maung Thein, chairman of Rakhine association, Maung Zaw Myo Naing of Yangon Institute of Education, Daw Saw Khin Tint, chairperson of Rakhine Literature and Culture Association (Yangon), and representatives from 17 townships in Rakhine State reported to the Speaker on matters related to the development of Rakhine State.

Then, the Speaker received gifts, traditional Rakhine turban and a statue emblematic of Rakhine national race, presented by the Yangon region minister for Rakhine national race.

In his concluding speech, the Speaker reiterated reports presented at the today's meeting will be submitted not only to the nearest Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session and the President but also the Rakhine State government and Hluttaw. Today's reports are beneficial for Rakhine State as well as the Union. It will be a Master Plan for the whole country sometime.

After the meeting, the Speaker cordially greeted those present.

MNA



Chin State Hluttaw continues eighth day session

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—The sixth session of first Chin State Hluttaw continued its eighth day session on 27 September morning and attended by Chief Minister of Chin State U Hong Ngai, State

Hluttaw Speaker U Hauk Khin Kham and 18 representatives.

At the meeting, Hluttaw representatives approved the bill and discussed amending a bill.—MNA



The sixth session of first Chin State Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

Cambodia's flood kills 28, affect 73,600 families

PHNOM PENH, 29 Sept—Floods has killed at least 28 people, including 16 children, and affected 73,600 families in Cambodia in the last two weeks, a disaster control official said on Sunday.

Some 7,900 families have been forced to flee their houses for higher grounds as more than 62,000 houses, 385 schools and 245 Buddhist pagodas are inundated, Keo Vy, chief of the Cabinet of the National Committee

for Disaster Management (NCDM), said.

Ten out of the kingdom's 24 cities and provinces are being hit by the Mekong River and flash floods, he said.

"As water still continue to rise, there will be more people affected and evacuated in coming days," he told Xinhua.

He said tourism city Siem Reap-Angkor is also being hit by flash floods due to heavy rainfall in the

last two days, but floodwaters may not last for long time.

Prime Minister Hun Sen on Friday ordered authorities to closely monitor flood situation and prepare to evacuate affected people to safe grounds.

He said the impact of low pressure system and tropical storm Wutip has been causing heavy rainfall in the Mekong River basin and in Cambodia.

"The government

would like to advise concerned ministries and authorities to be on high alert and prepare rescue measures to evacuate people to safe grounds so that fatalities and property damage by floods will be reduced," he said in a directive.

Floods usually hit Cambodia between August and October. In 2011, the country was hit the worst from floods, killing up to 250 people, according to the NCDM.—Xinhua





LOCAL NEWS

HRD

Staff work capacity building course conducted



DAWEI, 29 Sept—Taninthayi Region Information and Public Relations Department opened the work capacity building course No 1/2013 at the hall of the Dawei District Information and Public Relations Department in Dawei on 28 September, attended by Taninthayi Region Minister for Development Affairs U Aung Kyaw Kyaw Oo, departmental officials, members of village library supervisory committee, staff officers of three

district IPRDs and trainees. The region minister made a speech, and Head of Region IPRD Daw Ni Ni Cho explained purpose of the training.

A total of 28 trainees from township and sub-township IPRDs from Dawei District attended the three-day training. Similar training courses will be conducted in Myeik District in October and Kawthoung District in November.

*Kyemon-Kyaw Kyaw Latt*

MADAUK, 29 Sept—Bago Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and Region Women's Affairs Organization jointly organized the health talks and free health care services to the patients at Madauk Station Hospital in Nyaunglebin Township of Bago Region on 27 September.

Chairperson of Bago Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw May Thu made a speech. Dr Hmaing Nyo, Dr Ni Ni Aye and Dr Daw Aye Aye Myint gave talks

on diseases and replied to queries raised by those present.



A total of 10 specialists and 35 nurses gave free health care to 682 patients.

Plan to build high-rise housing in Chanayethazan Tsp

CHANAYETHAZAN, 29 Sept—Mandalay City Development Commit-

tee plans to rebuild the Pyidawtha staff housings between 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and

73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> streets in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay and it was built under 1958 Pyi-dawtha Project.

Staff families of the housing will be moved to the new buildings in October.

The new building will have nine storey, shopping centres and car parks.

The green light for con-

struction have been given to five companies for construction of Seiktaramahi Housing Project.

The housing project will commence in November 2013 and it will complete in March 2015.

The present Pyidawtha Housing has 28 buildings. Each building gives accommodation to four staff, totalling 112.

While new buildings are being constructed, the staff families from the old housing will be temporarily accommodated at the housings.

*Kyemon-Maung Pyi Thu (Mandalay)*

Sitagu free eye hospital gives free health care in Hsipaw

HSIPAW, 29 Sept—Under the aegis of Sitagu Sayadaw Dr Ashin Nanissara, free eye care services were provided to the patients from 26 to 29 September in commemoration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sitagu eye hospital under the supervision of Secretary of Hsipaw Maha Muni Buddha Image Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasiri.

Eye specialist Daw Khin Ohn Han and specialists and staff of the hospital, members of

Yekyidaw Wut Association and townselders provide eye surgical operations at eye patients from Shan State north and those of other townships.

At the hospital, Township Health Committee Chairman Township Administrator U Myo Tint Zaw, Chairman of Sitagu Hospital Committee U Aung Khin and members, townselders comforted the eye patients and provided necessary assistance.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasiri donated transport



charge and meals to the needy patients.

Those wishing to donate cash and kind to the fund of

the hospital may dial 09-5278173, 09-5278109 and 09-5070442.—*Kyemon-Sai (Hsipaw)*

National Sports

Village administrator cup football tourney concludes

PALAW, 29 Sept—The final match of the Village Administrator Cup Football Tournament was held at Pinyin Village sports ground on 25 September afternoon.

In the final match, Pinyin village beat Ywale Ward.

Village administrator U

Tun Wai presented prizes to the winning teams and gave K 150,000 to champion Pinyin Village.

Altogether 12 football teams participated in the tournament.

The final match was enjoyed by about 1600 spectators of the villages.

*Kyemon-Palaw IPRD*

CSCs issued in Myeik



MYEIK, 29 Sept—Issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards was carried out by Myeik Township Immigration and National Registration Department on 26 September morning.

Head of the department U Nay Lin explained the issuance of the cards to the students.

Next, the head of Township INRD and staff scrutinized the students to be able to issue the cards.

Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Tin Shan, Head of Myeik District INRD U Aung Tun Baw and Headmaster U Myint Aung viewed issuance of the cards to the students.

Myeik Township Immigration and National Registration Department issued cards to 320 students of Basic Education High School No 1.

*Kyemon-Myeik District IPRD*

Multiplier First-aid Course conducted in Taninthayi Tsp



TANINTHAYI, 29 Sept—Under the supervision of Taninthayi Township Red Cross Supervisory Committee, the multiplier basic first aid course was conducted at the office of Taninthayi Township Red Cross Society from 28 to 22 September.

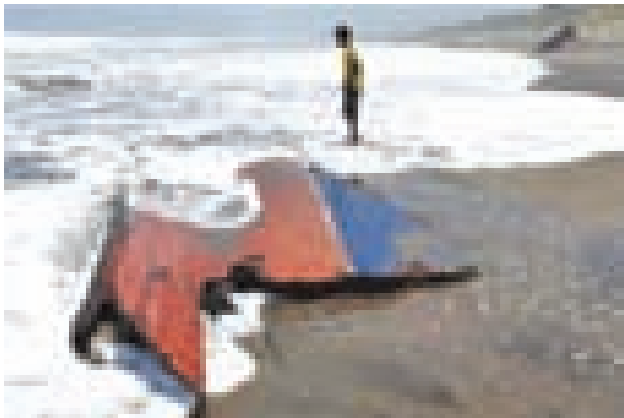
Chairman of the Township Red Cross Supervisory Committee U Kyaw Thu

made a speech. Next, the chairman of the supervisory committee, the chairman of Township Red Cross Society and the commanding officer of Township Red Cross Battalion presented prizes, completion certificates and medical kits from Myanmar Red Cross Society to the trainees.—*Kyemon-Taninthayi Township IPRD*



## WORLD

## More than 30 still missing after Australia-bound refugee boat sank



A youth stands near a piece of wreckage of a boat which sank off the Indonesian coast, at Agrabinta beach on the outskirts of Sukabumi, Indonesia's West Java Province on 28 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

JAKARTA, 29 Sept—More than 30 people were still missing two days after a boat carrying asylum seekers to Australia sank off the Indonesian coast, killing 22 people including seven children, Indonesian security officials said on Sunday.

The latest disaster to strike refugees using Indonesia's southern coast to try

to make the perilous crossing suggests Australia's tough new immigration rules may not be enough to deter asylum seekers.

It will also cast a shadow over a visit to Jakarta on Monday by Australia's new conservative Prime Minister Tony Abbott, whose tough stance on immigration was at the heart of his election campaign.

Indonesian police said there was a total of 80 people on the boat, of whom 25 were rescued. That leaves up to 33 people still missing.

"We found the boat broken and destroyed," Indonesia's counter-terrorism agency, which went to the scene of the sinking with police, said via a text message.

"The illegal immigrants were from four countries (including) Syria, Jordan and Yemen." On Saturday, police said some of the passengers had also been from Lebanon.

About 400 boats carrying asylum seekers have arrived in Australia over the past 12 months and about 45,000 asylum seekers have arrived since late 2007, when the former Labour government relaxed border policies, eventually tightening them again in the face of a voter backlash.

Reuters

## Guinea votes in long-delayed parliamentary election

CONAKRY, 29 Sept—Guinea voted on Saturday in a parliamentary election touted as the completion of its transition to democracy after a 2008 military coup and the end to decades of political instability.

The election, two years overdue, is the first democratic parliamentary vote since independence from France in 1958. A disputed result could reignite ethnic and political violence that has killed dozens in the run-up to voting.

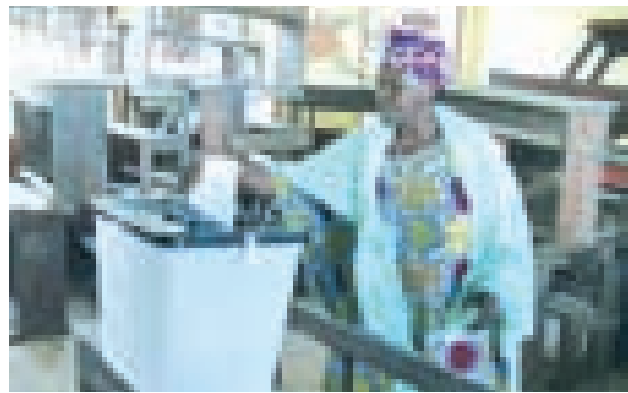
Elected lawmakers will replace a transitional council that has been in place since 2010, and a smooth election could usher in a period of stability needed to attract investments in Guinea's mining sector where investor interest has waned due to the political violence and the collapse of metal prices.

Guinea's bauxite, iron ore, gold and diamond reserves have failed to trans-

late into prosperity and progress for the country of 11.5 million people due to years of misrule.

The vote, if successful, will also free up 140 million euros (\$200 million) in European Union aid.

More than 5 million



A woman casts her ballot at a polling station in Guinea's capital Conakry on 28 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

voters are expected to cast ballots for about 2,000 candidates vying for 114 seats in the National Assembly. No party is expected to win an outright majority and coalition-building would be

needed in the aftermath.

In a country where the president holds real power, the legislative election is seen as a rehearsal for the 2015 presidential election when incumbent President Alpha Conde's five-year mandate ends.

"There will be no threat of destabilization, everything will go well. The government will take its responsibility and make sure of that and the country will be calm," Conde said

## Rouhani met by mixed receptions over US talks upon return to Iran

TEHERAN, 29 Sept—Iranian President Hassan Rouhani returned to Teheran on Saturday as his supporters and opposing hardliners received him with mixed slogans over his recent talks with the US officials.

Hundreds of his fans, who gathered at the Teheran International Mehrabad Airport and outnumbered the opposing group, chanted slogans of "Rouhani,

we love you" "Long live reforms," and "Thank you Rouhani" in reference to the president's remarks and position in his recent New York visit.

On the rival side, angry mobs denounced the president's new policy of building warm relations with the West, particularly with the United States, chanting anti-US and anti-Israel slogans. Among the

opposing crowd, a shoe was hurled at Rouhani as he was waving at the gathering through the sunroof of his car. The shoe, however, did not hit anybody as his motorcade moved out of the airport.

The Saturday supports and protests followed Iran's president last-minute phone conversation with US President Barack Obama before leaving New York on Friday as well as an earlier meeting of Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad-Javad Zarif with US Secretary of State John Kerry on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly.

Speaking in a televised statement at the White House on Friday, Obama confirmed his direct phone chat with Iranian President Rouhani regarding nuclear program, the first talk between the two countries' presidents for more than 30 years.

Xinhua



Supporters of Iranian President Hassan Rouhani shout slogans at Mehrabad Airport in Teheran, Iran, on 28 Sept, 2013. Hassan Rouhani returned to Teheran on Saturday as his supporters and opposing hardliners received him with mixed slogans over his recent talks with the US officials.—XINHUA

## Syria's crisis could end within weeks if halting support to rebels

after voting in Conakry on Saturday. "I hope the vote of the Guinean people will be respected."

Saturday's vote pits a coalition backing Conde's RPG party against an opposition alliance centered around Cello Dalein Diallo, leader of the UFDG party, who Conde defeated in the 2010 presidential run-off.

Several hundred people had gathered at polling stations in the capital Conakry as they opened by 0730 GMT. "I came today to vote and accomplish my duty because we need to create change that will get us out of this situation," said Alkaly Cisse, 60, who queued for an hour at a school in Conakry.

Polls shut at 1800 GMT and results are expected from Tuesday.

A spokesman for the opposition said voting was calm by mid-afternoon with only minor incidents reported.—Reuters

DAMASCUS, 29 Sept — Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem said on Saturday that the long-standing crisis in Syria could end within weeks if countries that support the rebels in Syria halted their support.

Moallem made the remarks during an interview with the Russia TV channel after the UN General Assembly session in New York, during which he said that as long as the US, Europe and some Gulf countries are supporting the terrorist group, the crisis will continue. On the other hand, if those countries halt their support and truly adopt the political solution, the crisis could end within weeks, he said.

"Many countries speak

about supporting a political solution. This is important but this means that they need to be committed to stop their financing, their arming to the terrorist group. Especially neighboring countries like Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Qatar," he continued.

Regarding the Syrian government's decision to surrender its chemical arsenal, Moallem defended the decision as a free sovereign decision and said it wasn't out of fear of a US military action.

"We are adopting this decision after consultation with Russia. And we are convinced that the Russian initiative at the end is a good initiative to open the door for political solution," he said.—Reuters

## Four people injured in blast at Ankara missile factory

ANKARA, 29 Sept — Four people were wounded in a blast in a missile factory in the Turkish capital of Ankara on Saturday, the semi-official Anadolu Agency reported.

The explosion took

place at a factory run by ROKETSAN, a local defense firm that produces short- and medium-range missiles for the Turkish Armed Forces, in Elmadag District.

Two workers who

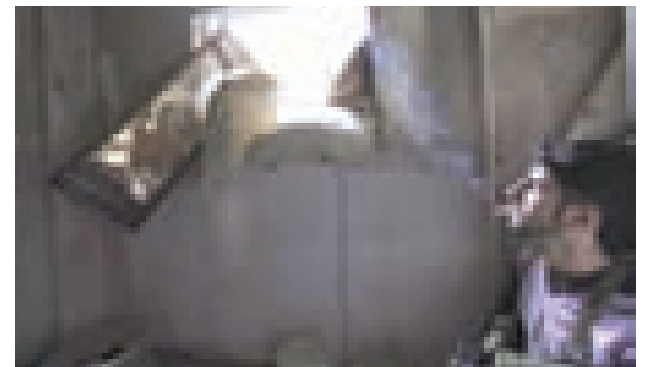
were seriously injured were taken to hospital for medical treatment, said the report.

The blast occurred while workers were performing a controlled explosion during the disposal of

waste materials, said the report.

An investigation has been launched into the incident to find out if there is any attempt for sabotage at the production facility.

Xinhua



A Free Syrian Army fighter smokes while monitoring an area through a mirror inside a room in Deir al-Zor on 28 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

## REGIONAL

## Aftershock kills 15 in quake-hit Pakistan province

QUETTA, 29 Sept—At least 15 people were killed on Saturday when an aftershock hit a Pakistani province where hundreds were killed in an major earthquake earlier this week.

Saturday's 6.8 magnitude aftershock destroyed most of the town of Nokjo in the western Province of Baluchistan, police said. The town is home to at least 15,000 people.

At least 515 people were killed in Tuesday's earthquake in the same province, officials said on Friday.

The death toll from Saturday's aftershock may rise, said Khan Wasey, the spokesman for the paramilitary Frontier Corps.

Aid deliveries have been complicated by the fact the remote region is home to separatist insurgents who fear the army, which is overseeing aid op-

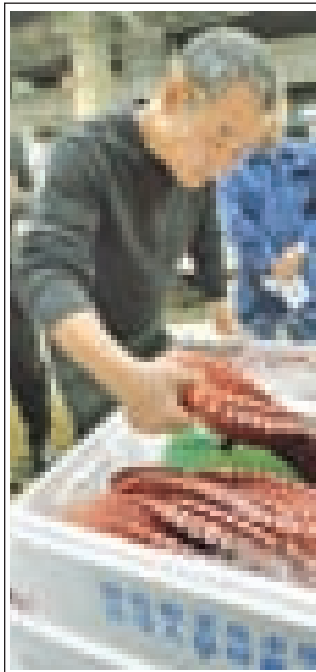
erations, may take advantage of the crisis to move more forces into the area.

On Saturday, four soldiers were killed when insurgents attacked an aid convoy being escorted by government forces, an army spokesman said. The insurgents have twice fired on helicopters carrying aid workers or supplies.

The Baluch insurgents accuse military forces of human rights abuses and Pakistan of exploiting Baluchistan's mineral wealth while local people live in poverty. Human rights groups say the military frequently abducts and kills ethnic Baluch.

The rebels frequently attack the Pakistani armed forces and have also been responsible for executing civilians like teachers and doctors from other ethnic groups.

Reuters



*A broker examines octopus from a fisheries cooperative in Fukushima Prefecture at the Tsukiji Fish Market in Tokyo on 28 Sept, 2013. Fishermen in the prefecture on 25 Sept, 2013, restarted operations suspended in late August due to contaminated water from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant leaking into the ocean.—KYODO NEWS*

NEWS

## Vietnam calls for long-term development plan with global cooperation

UNITED NATIONS, 29 Sept—Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung on Friday called on the United Nations to use a "One for All and All for One" strategy in creating a long-term blueprint for sustainable development. The Vietnamese prime minister, speaking at the ongoing high-level debate of the UN General Assembly, cited his own country's example in moving from a war-ravaged, hunger-stricken state to becoming a leading rice exporter.

"I urge the global com-

munity, with a sense of responsibility and humanity, to craft an ambitious post-2015 development agenda and redouble our efforts to promote peace, end hunger, poverty and protect our planet," he said.

The theme of this year's 68th General Assembly, "The Post 2015 Development Agenda: Setting the Stage," aims at drawing up an even more ambitious blueprint to totally eliminate poverty and its attendant ills in the decades following the end of the current Millennium Development Goals

(MDGs), a set of eight anti-poverty targets, in 2015.

While acknowledging that the MDGs are currently the world's most successful endeavor against hunger and poverty, the prime minister noted that the rich-poor gap continues to widen, with close to 40 percent of global wealth in the hands of not more than 1 percent of its population, over 1 billion people still living in extreme poverty, and hundreds of millions, especially children, still lacking food, basic medicine and education.

Xinhua



*A teacher of Phuket Confucius Institute introduces photos to local students at an exhibition jointly held by Phuket Confucius Institute and the Bangkok branch of Xinhua News Agency in Phuket, Thailand, on 28 Sept, 2013. As part of the Xinhua Gallery, the exhibition which presents photos and pictures of the contemporary China opened here on Saturday.*

XINHUA

## Thai gov't calls for patience in face of flood

BANGKOK, 29 Sept—The Thai government on Saturday urged people to be patient and trust the government in tackling the flood situation when the eastern part of the country is severely submerged.

Deputy Prime Minister Plodprasop Suraswadi, who oversees water management, made the call in weekly TV programme "Yingluck Government meets the People" broadcasted on Saturday.

The deputy PM assured that the scenario like the devastating flooding in 2011 in which all major dams in Thailand were at full capacity would not happen. He said the major dams in Thailand are now at half of its capacity and can contain more than 10,000 million cubic

metres.

Plodprasop earlier said that the flood situation this year is "not worrying."

In 2011 Thailand was hit by devastating flood in the North, Northeast and Central region in which more than 500 people were killed.

He added that Bangkok would be 100 percent safe unless there is more heavy rain in the North for a couple of days.

Bangkok Governor Sukhumbhand Paripatra said on Friday that the situation in Bangkok remained stable but he was concerned about waters from the North which would flow to the eastern side of Bangkok. Sukhumbhand made inspection trips to sluice gates and water pumping stations in eastern Bang-

kok on Friday. Officials in flood-prone districts were instructed to prepare sandbags to prevent flooding and help people in flood-hit areas, he said.

Several parts of Thailand, particularly the eastern region, have been severely submerged by flood.

The most severe flooding in the country now takes place in Kabin Buri district of eastern Prachin Buri province where some areas are under two meters of flood water.

Residents in Kabin Buri whose homes have been flooded on Thursday protested against the provincial authorities, demanding them to open water gates to release waters into rivers and canals in order to ease the flooding in the district.

Xinhua

## President Xi to visit Indonesia, Malaysia, attend APEC summit

BEIJING, 29 Sept—Chinese President Xi Jinping will pay state visits to Indonesia, Malaysia and attend the 21st economic leaders' meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in Indonesia's Bali from 2 to 8 October, the Foreign Ministry announced on Sunday.

Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said in a statement that President Xi was invited by Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and Malaysian Supreme Head of State Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah, respectively.

Xinhua

## Disaster reconstruction funds must be secured

TOKYO, 29 Sept — A senior member of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party stressed the need Sunday to secure fiscal resources for continued reconstruction of areas hit by the March 2011 disasters if a special corporate tax surcharge to fund rehabilitation projects is ended a year early.

"The LDP is worried about whether it will be possible to secure financial resources for reconstruction," Shigeru Ishiba, LDP secretary general, said on a Fuji Television Network programme. "It is necessary to make efforts to secure resources in a convincing way." The government plan to bring forward the end of the surcharge is aimed at decreasing the tax burden on the corporate sector prior to the planned sales tax hike next April to 8 percent from 5 percent.

The proposal, however, has met resistance from ruling party lawmakers worried about the impact on reconstruction.

Ishiba also indicated that companies should make it clear how they will use the money to be generated by the tax reduction, apparently urging them to allocate it for wage hikes and capital investment.

Kyodo News



*Relief materials donated to quake-hit Pakistan by the Chinese government is lashed up for loading at the Beijing Capital International Airport in Beijing, capital of China, on 28 Sept, 2013. Relief materials donated by China will be transported to Pakistan by three flights from Beijing and Nanjing on 28 September and 29 September.—XINHUA*

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR  
MINISTRY OF ENERGY  
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE  
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)  
(9/2013)

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(1)	IFB -073(2013-2014)	Electrical Spares for KG-2 kongsberg Gas Turbines	(47) Items	US \$
(2)	IFB -074(2013-2014)	High & Low Drum Clutch for ZJ 70 L Sr-1&2 Drilling Rigs	(2) Items	US \$
(3)	IFB -075(2013-2014)	1 Meter DEM or STRMD Data (Myanmar)	(20) Nos	US \$
(4)	DMP/L-033(2013-2014)	9.00x20 Tyres, 12.00x24 Tyres 18 R 22.5 Tyres & 14.5x20 Tyres	(4) Items	Kyat
(5)	DMP/L-034(2013-2014)	Sercel 408 UL Line Cable Section for Acquisition Recording System	(1) Lot	Kyat
(6)	DMP/L-035(2013-2014)	Spare Parts for Mud Logging Unit Ex ZJ 70 L&ZJ 50 D Drilling Rigs	(1) Lot	Kyat
(7)	DMP/L-036(2013-2014)	2"Dia,4"Dia, 6"Dia and 8"Dia Rubber Hose Pipe	(4) Items	Kyat
(8)	DMP/L-037(2013-2014)	Electrical Spares For USS Oil Well Drilling Rig (20 Pin Plug and Receptacle)	(32) Sets	Kyat
(9)	DMP/L-038(2013-2014)	200 AMP Circuit Breaker and Speed Adjust Rheostat For ZJ 50 D Drilling Rig	(2) Items	Kyat
(10)	DMP/L-039(2013-2014)	Electrical Cards For Mud Pump Field Thyristor of Main PCR Unit Ex D3 T2 Drilling Rig	(2) Items	Kyat

-Tender Closing Date & Time - 30-10-2013, 1300 Hrs.

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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A ceremony is held to mark the 2,564th birthday anniversary of Confucius in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, on 28 Sept, 2013.—XINHUA

## Chinese airlines suffer from false terror threats

BEIJING, 29 Sept—Chinese airlines and airports have suffered more than 80 cases of false terrorist threats so far this year causing panic among the public, a court official said on Sunday. Those involved in fabricating and deliberately spreading false terrorist threats will receive harsh punishments ranging from detention to a jail term of up to five years, or more for those whose actions have severe consequences, said Lyu Guanglun, an official

with the Supreme People's Court at a press conference.

The court published explanations, effective from Monday, on how cases should be tried.

From 15 to 18 May, there were six cases of fabricating bomb threats in China, causing plane diversions, emergency landings and delays of 22 flights in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou, said the court's spokesman Sun Jungong.

According to the explanations, once flights

have been delayed or security checks have to be carried out again due to false

terrorist threats, those involved will face criminal charges. Those causing direct economic loss above

500,000 yuan (81,700 US dollars) to airliners will receive jail terms of more than five years. People who make and spread terror threats to cause disorder or evacuation in airports, stations, ports, shopping malls and theaters will face criminal charges.—Xinhua



Staff members present an artwork during the charity auction of the 2013 Beijing Design Week in Beijing, capital of China, on 28 Sept, 2013. A total of over 500,000 yuan (about 81,700 US dollars) earned through the auction will be donated to the Beijing Gaozhanxiang Culture and Arts Foundation.

XINHUA

## Special PLA medical squad starts service

BEIJING, 29 Sept—A special medical service squad of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) has started work, the PLA Daily reported on Sunday.

The flagship newspaper of China's armed forces said the squad passed an appraisal on Saturday.

The squad was established on Aug. 1 and has been in training for two months.

The squad will promote reform in medical support methods during warfare and play an important role in non-combat military operations such as disaster rescue and relief, the report quoted an unnamed PLA official as saying.

The 40-member squad is comprised of 37 officers majoring in medical care and three female soldiers majoring in nursing.

Xinhua

## Michael Jackson's coach trains Chinese teen

GUANGZHOU, 29 Sept—US vocal coach Seth Riggs has been the master behind the magic of several superstars, including Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder and Madonna. Now the 83-year-old is coaching a new Chinese singing sensation — and she's just 13 years old.

In early September, Riggs and his family traveled to the Chinese mainland for the first time, offering hands-on vocal training to teen singer "Dou Dou" in south China's city of Shenzhen.

"I came to visit a friend here and he said we have a girl for you to work with. We want you to help her because she needs to get to the next level," Riggs said.

"Dou Dou," also known as Huang Jiaqi, is a budding star who made her name by singing the 2008 Beijing Olympics theme song "You and Me." During the 2012 London Olympics, she gave her first overseas concert at the Hackney Empire Theatre in London at the invitation of the International Olympic Committee.

However, like many young singers transitioning into adolescence, Huang has struggled to find the right methods to keep developing her talent. Riggs' training is expected to help her learn how to maintain and develop her skill.

During their half-month-long stay, Riggs and his wife Margareta Svensson trained Huang

for three to four hours every day.

"Riggs taught me how to sing songs in the right way, get me through the transitional period and eventually have a more mature voice," Huang said, adding that she has gained a lot from the training sessions.

"She has a wonderful ear and she stays right on pitch when she sings. She had to change from singing like a little girl to singing like all of us," Riggs said. "She got on very quickly. We are very impressed

with her." Riggs used a teaching method known as "Speech Level Singing" to train Huang, the same technique he used to coach Michael Jackson.

Riggs created the method while still a music student, as he was unsatisfied with his own singing at that time. He discovered a way of singing that utilizes the same vocal techniques used when speaking. The method allows singers to sing with greater power, clarity and expression, but with less effort.

Xinhua

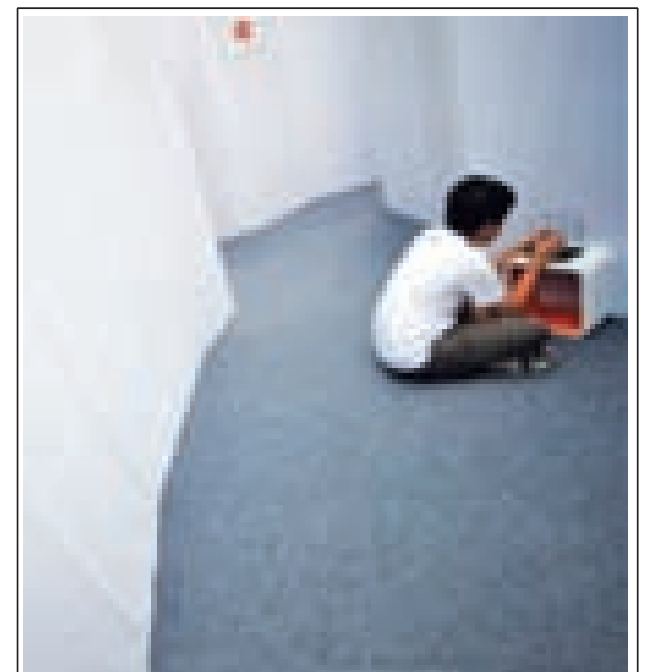
## Aircraft turns over at Sek Kong Airfield in HK

HONG KONG, 29 Sept—A Hong Kong Aviation Club Cessna 172 fixed-wing, single-engine aircraft with registration number B-HRH turned over on the field by the side of the runway end when landing at Sek Kong Airfield at 10:02 am on Saturday, according to a circular posted on the government's website.

One pilot and three

passengers were on board the aircraft when the accident occurred. All the four people managed to escape from the aircraft, with two sustaining minor injuries and no hospital treatment was required, according to the circular.

The accident is under investigation, and the preliminary report is expected to be released within a month.—Xinhua



An autistic child plays during an Autism campaign in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 28 Sept, 2013.—XINHUA

ENTERTAINMENT

Paris Hilton debuts track with Lil Wayne

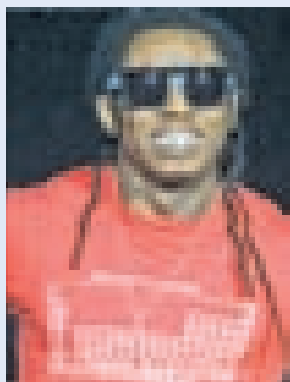
LOS ANGELES, 29 Sept—Socialite Paris Hilton has unveiled a track featuring rapper Lil Wayne from her forthcoming second album. A 15-second extract of the music video of the song Good Time shows Hilton dancing at a party and frolicking by a pool in a bikini, reported Ace Showbiz.

The star's record label, Cash Money—which is also home to Wayne—are excited by her latest shot at being a pop star.

"I am very excited. I'm very appreciative that she's part of the team. She's very talented, and a beautiful young woman. She played us music, and I was taken aback. I was impressed by her music, and I didn't know she could sing so well," Cash Money co-founder Birdman said.

Hilton made her

first attempt at cracking the pop market in 2006 with debut Paris, which contained the single Stars



Are Blind—a top ten hit in more than 10 counties—but the album wasn't a huge seller.

Her second album is rumoured to contain big name guests including Flo Rida, LMFAO, David Guetta and Afrojack, and is thought to have a dance music edge.

PTI

Taylor Swift was spotted at Toronto International Film Festival earlier this month



Taylor Swift to star in The Giver?

NEW YORK, 29 Sept—Country star Taylor Swift has been reportedly cast alongside Meryl Streep and Jeff Bridges in sci-fi thriller The Giver.

The 23-year-old I Knew You Were Trouble singer was spotted getting cosy with Australian newcomer Brenton Thwaites at Toronto International Film Festival earlier this month.

The pair were introduced by Harvey Weinstein, whose Weinstein Company will produce The Giver, reported New York Post.

"Harvey introduced Taylor to Brenton in Toronto because they were both going to be in the film," a source said. True Blood star Alexander Skarsgard is also being considered for a role in the movie. The Giver is set in a dystopian society, which is disturbed when a 12-year-old boy named Jonas (Thwaites) is selected to learn from an elderly man, The Giver (Bridges), about the pain and strife of the real world.

PTI

I look up to Oprah Winfrey and Madonna

LOS ANGELES, 29 Sept—Singer Nicki Minaj's days are long filled with studio time, fragrance creation, as well as filming TV and movie spots, and the rapper admits building her "queendom" can be overwhelming at times.

"I don't even know how I make my schedule work it really is just mind over matter. Like, you've really gotta will yourself to do it, because sometimes I feel so overwhelmed, like I'm not gonna get this done," Minaj told Access Hollywood.

"I just have a desire to be that kind of woman that I look up to when I was young. That kind of woman like the Oprahs and the Madonnas," she said.

"Those are the women that I look at and I'm like,

'If you can do what you do, I can do this,' because what I'm doing is such a small

fraction of what their days must be like", she added.

Part of Minaj's drive

comes from the desire to stay relevant in the ever-evolving music world.—PTI



Nicki Minaj says that she wants to reinvent herself

Jack Johnson tops Billboard 200, Lorde lands top digital song

LOS ANGELES, 29 Sept—Hawaiian folk singer Jack Johnson landed his fourth No 1 album on the Billboard 200 album chart on Wednesday, while New Zealand newcomer Lorde overtook Katy Perry and Miley Cyrus to top the digital songs chart.

Johnson's "From Here to Now to You" sold 117,000 copies in its first week, according to figures from Nielsen SoundScan. It was the only album to cross the 100,000 sales mark this week. Country music singer Justin Moore debuted at No 2 with his third studio album, "Off the Beaten Path," selling 96,000 copies, while fellow country music artist Chris Young came in at No. 3 with "AM," selling 52,000 copies.

Other debuts included

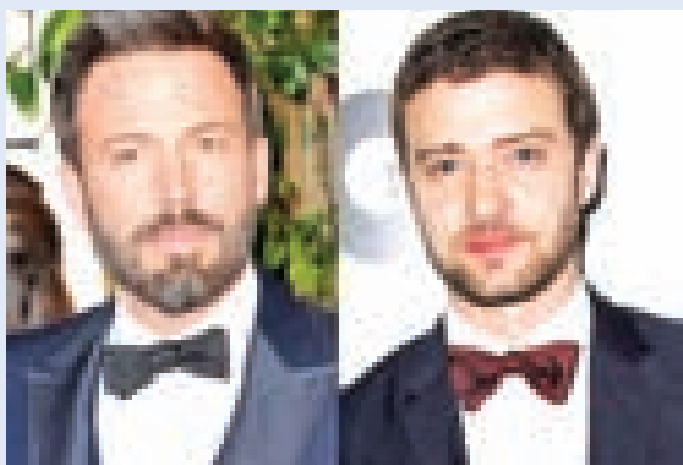
Maybach Music Group's "MMG: Self Made 3," at No 4, a compilation featuring the record label's artists including Meek Mill, Wale and Rick Ross. Swedish DJ Avicii landed at No. 5 with his debut studio album, "True," which features the hit single "Wake Me Up!"

Country crooner Billy Currington rounded out the top 10 with his latest album, "We Are Tonight."

On the digital songs chart, which measures download sales, Lorde shot to the top with her single "Royals," selling more than 307,000 downloads in the past week. "Royals" has also been played on music-streaming service Spotify 20 million times since its release in March.

Reuters

Ben Affleck in awe of Justin Timberlake



Affleck teamed up with Timberlake for the crime drama Runner Runner.

LOS ANGELES, 29 Sept—Actor Ben Affleck says it is "inspiring" to work with pop star Justin Timberlake with whom he has teamed up for crime drama Runner Runner.

"I love Justin. Being around Justin is inspiring, he works really hard, he's incredibly gifted.

There's nothing the guy can't do. I

really am the biggest fan of his. I'm trying to win tickets to the show," Affleck said in a statement.

Affleck also said he suffered low self-esteem due to Timberlake's multi-talented personality.

"He dances like Michael Jackson, sings, writes music...There's 400 million boy bands, he's the one guy that became a gigantic star," he added.

Runner Runner is slated to release on 4 October.

PTI



Musician Jack Johnson performs during his concert as part of his To The Sea tour in Brasilia on 25 May, 2011.—REUTERS

## Slick Arsenal win to stay top, United, City lose



Arsenal's Aaron Ramsey (R) scores a goal during their English Premier League soccer match at the Liberty Stadium in Swansea, Wales on 28 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

LONDON, 29 Sept—Arsenal held on to top spot with a 2-1 win at Swansea in the Premier League on Saturday after Tottenham drew with Chelsea and both Manchester clubs suffered shock defeats that left them trailing London's big three.

Arsenal continued to

make a mockery of gloomy close-season predictions as they went two points clear with second-half goals from Serge Gnabry and Aaron Ramsey before a late consolation from Swansea's Ben Davies.

United suffered more misery when they went down 2-1 at home to West

Bromwich Albion in their worst start to a Premier League season with the champions in the bottom half after six games.

Morgan Amalfitano and Saido Berahino scored for the visitors either side of a Wayne Rooney leveler at Old Trafford to leave United 12th a week after a

crushing defeat at local rivals City.

City also suffered an unexpected reverse at Aston Villa, who scored three second-half goals to win 3-2.

Spurs stay second, two points adrift of their north London rivals, after a 1-1 draw at

home to Chelsea while Southampton's watertight defence held firm as they climbed to fourth spot with a 2-0 victory at home to Crystal Palace.

Hull City won 1-0 against visiting West Ham United and Cardiff City also triumphed 2-1 at struggling Fulham.

Arsenal left south Wales with three points and a Welshman to thank for helping them come out on top as two of the Premier League's finer proponents of the art of

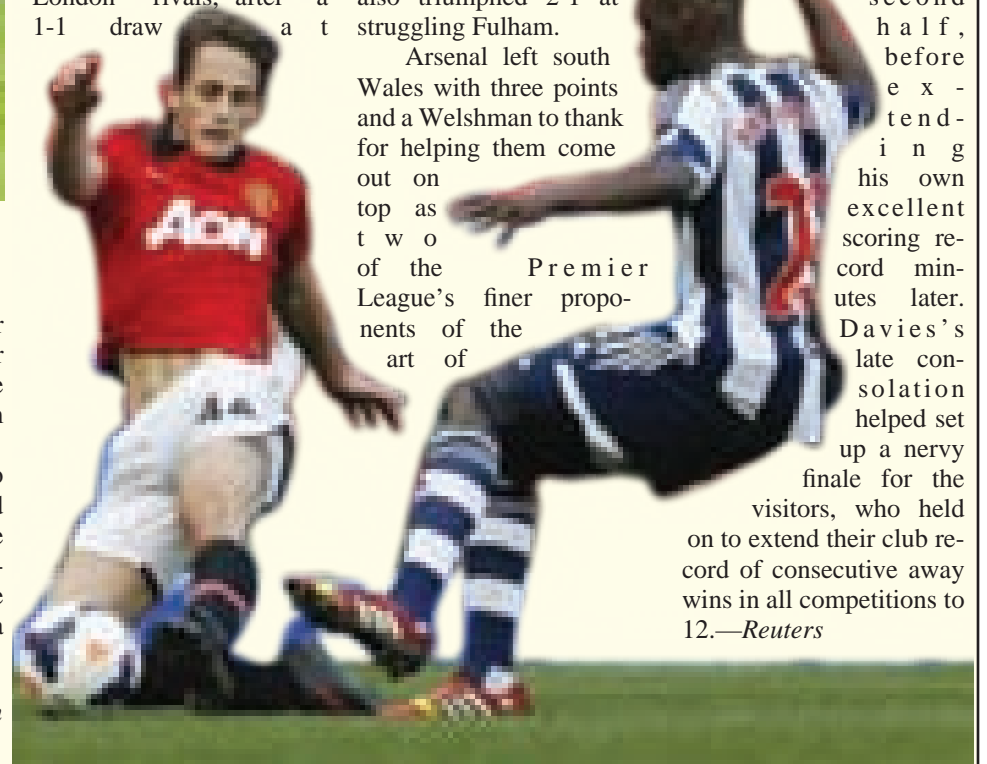
passing went toe-to-toe. Ramsey, a former Cardiff City player, was again the conductor at the heart of Arsenal's midfield, setting up Gnabry for the

opener 13 minutes into the second half, before extending his own excellent scoring record minutes later. Davies's

late consolation helped set up a nervy

finale for the visitors, who held

on to extend their club record of consecutive away wins in all competitions to 12.—Reuters



Manchester United's Adnan Januzaj (L) challenges West Bromwich Albion's Youssef Mulumbu during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester on 28 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS



Marianne Vos of the Netherlands celebrates on the podium after winning the gold medal in the women's elite road race at the UCI Road World Championships in Florence on 28 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

## Vos goes solo to retain road race world title

FLORENCE, (Italy) 29 Sept—A brutal burst of acceleration helped Dutchwoman Marianne Vos to crush her rivals yet again to retain her cycling road race world title in awe-inspiring fashion on Saturday.

The Olympic champion made her move on the steep ramp on the Via Salvati and never looked back, widening the gap with her rivals in the final four kilometers.

Swede Emma Johansson took second place after outsprinting Italian Rossella Ratto.

"It is hard to win one title but to defend one is really tough," said Vos, who

was the overwhelming favorite going into the 140-km race.

"The Italians made it a very tough race... I was not too confident in the last lap but on the steep climb I saw an opportunity."

The Italian team, with double world champion Giorgia Bronzini, were out to isolate Vos, but she never looked troubled, having Anna van der Breggen to thank after her team mate protected her all day. "She has been in fine form all season and she was the one we wanted to have in the finale to keep it together," a beaming Vos told a news conference.—Reuters

## Kvitova downs Kerber to take Tokyo title

TOKYO, 29 Sept—Czech Petra Kvitova overcame a second set meltdown to dispatch Angelique Kerber 6-2, 0-6, 6-3 in the final of the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo on Saturday to claim her 11th WTA tour title.

The 2011 Wimbledon champion sealed victory on her fourth match point when Kerber could only find the net after the Czech lefthander had forced her back with a customary deep forehand.

It was Kvitova's second WTA title of the year following her success in Dubai in February and the win is expected to move her up from 11th to seventh in the rankings as she closes in on a spot at the WTA Championships in Istanbul

next month.

"It's always a great feeling if you win a title at a tournament. It means a lot for me. I'm glad I have some points toward the Championships," Kvitova said after her win at the \$2,369,000 hard court tournament.

"I still have some tournaments left but I want to focus on today. I just want to enjoy."

The match up between the duo, who both ousted former world number ones in the last four, was the first all-left handed WTA final since 2009 and first in 20 years at a 'Premier' level.

Seventh seed Kvitova, 23, made a fast start by using her bludgeoning ground strokes to wrap up the opener 6-2 before the mo-

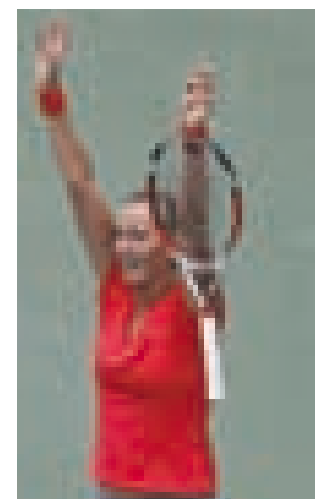
mentum shifted heavily in favour of the German.

Kerber, 25, began to find her range and broke Kvitova three times in the second set to level the contest but was unable to carry that momentum into the decider.

The German, seeded five in Tokyo and ranked ninth in the world, double faulted to hand Kvitova a key break in the second game of the third set as the Czech raced into a 4-0 lead after another booming forehand gave her a second break.

But Kerber refused to give up and she broke back in the fifth game when Kvitova netted a backhand and then held serve to make it 2-4.

Reuters



Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic celebrates after defeating Angelique Kerber of Germany during their singles final match at the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo on 28 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS



Manchester United manager David Moyes reacts following their English Premier League soccer match against West Bromwich Albion at Old Trafford in Manchester on 28 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

## Moyes needs response after worst United start in 24 years

LONDON, 29 Sept—If David Moyes wondered how difficult it would be to replace Alex Ferguson at Manchester United then the scale of the task was brought home by a stinging Premier League defeat to West Bromwich Albion on Saturday.

The United manager, who stepped into the shoes of the club's most successful servant in the close-season, put a brave face on their third loss in their opening six league games but must now rebuild

morale on the back of their worst start in 24 years.

"You're always going to have bad results in football, it is how you deal with them," he told the BBC after the shock 2-1 defeat at Old Trafford.

"We will move on and look forward to the next one. There are lots of games here and you get ready for the next one. I'm concerned after the game but only because we didn't play well. We can put it right."—Reuters

GENERAL

# 12 trapped in N China coal mine accident



Rescuers work at the accident site after Zhengsheng Coal Mine of Shanxi Coking Coal Group Co, Ltd was flooded in the early morning on Saturday, in Fenyang City, north China's Shanxi Province, on 28 Sept, 2013. According to the latest examination result, twelve workers were still trapped underground by now. — XINHUA

FENYANG, (Shanxi), 29 Sept — Twelve workers were confirmed to be trapped after flooding in a coal mine in north China's Shanxi Province early Saturday morning, the coal mine company said. The accident occurred at 3:10 am at the Zhengsheng Coal Mine of Shanxi Coking Coal Group Co, Ltd in Fenyang City, when 42 workers were working underground. Further rescue efforts and investigation are underway. Twelve miners remain trapped underground and 30 others were lifted out of the mine shaft safely, according to the company. Further rescue efforts and investigation are underway. *Xinhua*

## China emerges as Mozambique's largest creditor

MAPUTO, 29 Sept — China emerged as Mozambique's main international financial creditor last year, extending loans worth 1.15 billion US dollars, state media reported on Saturday. The overall external debt of the Mozambican government stood at 1.92 billion US dollars at the end of 2012, the report said, citing the ministry of finance. Chinese projects in the country include various road and bridge constructions such as the ring road of the capital city Maputo. *Xinhua*

# Messi helps Barca set club record and then limps off

MADRID, 29 Sept — Barcelona made it seven wins out of seven in La Liga, setting a club record start to a campaign, with a 2-0 victory at promoted Almeria on Saturday. World Player of the Year Lionel Messi struck the opener after 21 minutes with a wonderful solo effort but was forced to leave the pitch soon after with a hamstring problem in his right thigh. Brazil full back Adriano added a second goal in the 56th minute to help move Barca on to 21 points, three ahead of second-placed Atletico Madrid who visit third-placed Real Madrid in the capital city derby later on Saturday. Earlier, Valencia continued to recover from their poor start to the season with a 1-0 home win over basement side Rayo Vallecano. Brazilian striker Jonas pounced on an error in the Rayo defence to net the only goal after 37 minutes, earning Miroslav Djukic's team a third consecutive victory that put them sixth with 12 points. Barca coach Gerardo Martino rang the changes once again, leaving Neymar and Xavi on the bench perhaps with one eye on next week's trip to Celtic in the Champions League. Almeria gave little away at first, apart from a long-range Andres Iniesta volley that was turned over the bar, until Messi picked up the ball from a short corner on the right and ran across the edge of the area. The Argentine played a one-two with Pedro and curled a left-foot shot in off the far post. Messi then picked up his hamstring problem and was replaced by Xavi in the 29th minute. The club said they would carry out tests on Sunday to determine the extent of the injury, though the forward did not seem unduly concerned as he remained in the dugout to watch the rest of the game. After a shaky spell just before halftime, Barca doubled their lead when Cesc Fabregas squared for Adriano to slide in and divert the ball into the corner to continue the home team's winless start to the season. *Reuters*



# Singapore has open skies agreement with more than 50 countries

SINGAPORE, 29 Sept — Singapore has signed open skies agreement with Sierra Leone, Slovenia and Tanzania, the Ministry of Transport said on Saturday. So far Singapore has air services agreements with more than 120 countries, of which more than 50 are open skies agreements, it said. The open skies agreements with the three countries were signed by Transport Minister Lui Tuck Yew and his counterparts on the sidelines of the International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly in Montreal, Canada. Under each of the agreements, designated airlines will be able to fly between Singapore and the other country, as well as via and beyond to any third country, without restrictions in capacity, frequency or aircraft type. The agreements underscore Singapore's commitment to establishing a liberal air services framework in Singapore and internationally, Lui said.—*Xinhua*

Barcelona's Leo Messi (L) celebrates with Cesc Fabregas (C) and Adriano Correia after scoring against Almeria during their Spanish First Division soccer match at Juegos Mediterraneo stadium in Almeria on 28 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

## MYANMAR TV

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## MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

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- \* Myanmar Traditional Instruments - Myanmar Harp (Episode-1)
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- \* A Day Tour On Cart (Bagan Trip)
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- \* Ywar Thit's Monhinkhar
- \* World News
- \* A Visit To Today's Along-Daw-Katthapha
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- \* Lampi Marine National Park
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- \* I'm In Love With Diamond
- \* Local News
- \* A Memorable Trip
- \* World News
- \* Porcelain and Glass
- \* Local News
- \* Youth & Volunteer Service
- \* World News
- \* A Journey to the Zalon Mountain
- \* Local News
- \* Those Who Never Give Up (Episode-2) Ko Myat Oo- Chairman of Baby Vita
- \* Myanmar Women Boxer
- \* The Most Prominent Resort And Residence- Ngapali
- \* World News
- \* Roasted Lablab Beans from Zalun

## Preparations underway for international sports event in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung met with general managers and staff of hotels in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone at Shwe Nanndaw Hotel, here, yesterday.

He said 4145 suites

will be ready to provide service to visitors in Nay Pyi Taw when the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games took place in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and Ngwehsaung and it is planned to accommodate athletes at the sports village in Nay Pyi Taw. He

stressed the need to take constant training from now on to be able to provide visitors with hospitality and good service. Next, the hotel managers and officials explained preparations being made in their hotels respectively. —MNA



Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung meets managers and staff of hotels in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.—MNA

## Pre-SEA Games Futsal Test Match 2013



Athletes seen at the opening ceremony of Pre-SEA Games Futsal Test Match 2013.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—Pre-SEA Games Futsal Test Match 2013 was held at Wunna Theikdhi Futsal gymnasium, here, this morning, with an address by Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan. The Union minister said that he believes Myanmar will

get experience from holding Pre-SEA Games Test Match and it will promote amity among the countries. The athletes will have a chance to know development, honesty and hospitality of Myanmar, he added. He then enjoyed the women's match competition between Thai and Malaysian teams.

Four men's and women's teams from four nations will compete in the event. Afterwards, the Union minister enjoyed the competition of snooker and billiards and formally opened the gymnasium.

The Union minister, Deputy Minister U Zaw Win and officials awarded prizes to winners.—MNA

## Myanmar delegation concludes study tour of Japan

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—A Myanmar delegation led by member of Union Civil Services Board Dr Kyaw Kyaw Htay arrived back here after studying Civil Service Organizations in Japan from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

The Myanmar delegation paid a visit to the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Central Training Institute and National Personnel Authority

on 24<sup>th</sup> September, Hiroshima Peace Site, Personnel Committee, Training Institute and Planning and Coordination Department in Hiroshima. During the study tour, the Myanmar delegation exchanged views on recruitment system, training system and promotion system of Myanmar and Japan civil service on 25<sup>th</sup> September and Human Resource Development Center, Panasonic Corporation and Konosuke Matsushita Museum on

26<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

The 15-member delegation comprised officials from the President's Office, the Office of the Union Government, Supreme Court of the Union, Office of Union Election Commission, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Culture, Union Attorney-General's Office and the Union Civil Services Board.

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## Agreement on Yangon City water supply project inked

YANGON, 29 Sept—With the aim of improving water supply system of Yangon City Development Committee, the YCDC and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed an agreement for assistance at the hall of the YCDC

yesterday afternoon.

Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Mayor U Hla Myint, Head of JICA-Myanmar Office Mr Masahiko TANAKA made speeches and signed the agreement.

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Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint and Head of JICA-Myanmar Office Mr Masahiko TANAKA shakes hands after exchanging notes.—MNA

## Low pressure stills persist

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—According to the observation at 12:30 hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over

Northwest Bay of Bengal, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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## Gunmen kill at least 40 in attack on Nigerian college

DAMATURU, Nigeria 29, Sept—Gunmen killed at least 40 people on Sunday in an attack on a college in northeast Nigeria, a Reuters witness said, in a region where Islamist militants have targeted schools and universities.

Islamist sect Boko Haram has intensified at-

tacks on civilian targets in recent weeks in reaction to a military offensive against its insurgency. Boko Haram and spin-off Islamist groups like the al Qaeda-linked Ansaru have become the biggest security threat in Africa's second largest economy and top oil exporter.—Reuters

## Water level of Sittoung River may fall under its danger level

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—According to the observation at 12:30 hrs MST today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo has exceeded 5 cm above its danger level commencing 1:30 am today. It may fall under its danger level within next 24 hours commencing this noon, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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## Road signs to be erected in Yangon before 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games

As the 27<sup>th</sup> South-East Asian Games is drawing near, Ministry of Sports has been making preparing for the games, putting finishing touches to their preparations for hosting the games.

Twenty-five games will be held in Nay Pyi Taw, seven in Yangon, one (sailing event) in Ngwehsaung and one (women's soccer match) in Mandalay.

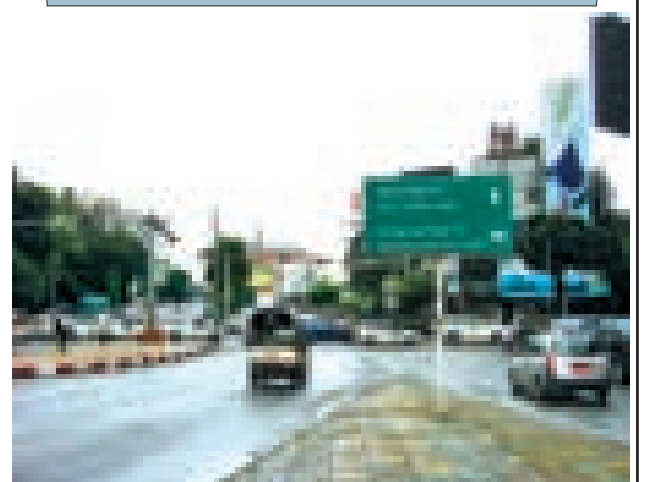
In Yangon, Youth Training Centre (Thuwana) in Yangon will host the men's soccer match; Theinbyu Stadium the weightlifting; Insein MCC Hall the body-building contest; National Indoor Stadium-1 wrestling com-

petition and Kampo competition and Dagon Myothit (North) the shooting contest. Foreign visitors from sports field will tour around Yangon during the 27th SEA Games. As part of efforts for giving the reception to them, the departments under the Yangon City Development Committee are working hard to beautify the city.

Road and Bridge Department has erected road signs and road safety signs at junctions in Yangon.

"We have planned to erect 400 Road signs and road safety signs in Yangon before the SEA Games," said an official from the Engineering Department (Road and Bridge).

By: Ko Gyi Tin  
Photo: Myint Aung (MPI)



So far, nearly 200 road signs and road safety signs have been erected in Yangon, according to the department. Besides, YCDC

is committed to upgrading the city into having the image of a city.

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